

The 4-country challenge to global polio eradication

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Questions to the Panel

1. Why the delay, despite Herculean efforts?

Specifically, how did the following factors affect the program?

A. The high “force”, speed and intensity of wild virus transmission?

B. The low “efficacy”, effectiveness and herd effect of OPV?

C. The “imbalance” between routine and supplementary vaccinations?

2. What should be done to achieve success by 2010?

Vulnerability of African nations

- Several African nations have faced wild virus importations and consequent outbreaks repeatedly
3. How can African nations establish sustainable shield against outbreaks in case of importation?
 4. How has the polio eradication initiative affected the Public Health system, positively or negatively?

The Panel

- These questions are now for the Panelists
- Dr Naveen Thacker: India
- Dr Tariq Bhutta: Pakistan & Afghanistan
- Dr Oyewale Tomori: Nigeria
- Dr Jean-Jacques Muyembe: African nations
- Dr John: Overview & summary

Over to the Panelists

- Why the delay, in spite of Herculean efforts?
Identify every failure factor – country-specific
- What should be done to succeed by 2010?
Enumerate steps needed – ignore costs
- What steps to counter Africa's vulnerability?
The ideal, the practical – ignore costs

THANK YOU